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SUBJECT: POUCH SERVICE TO CAIRO

REF: CAIRO 2426, STATE 159708, FRANKFURT 5236

1. AT PRESENT THERE ARE THREE CLASSIFIED POUCHES WEEKLY LEAVING DEPARTMENT BY MILITARY TRANSPORT FOR FRANKFURT. THESE DEPART WASHINGTON 0535 TUES, THURS, AND SAT ARRIVING FRANKFURT 2320 SAME DAY. ONCE WEEKLY FRANKFURT-CAIRO COURIER SERVICE DEPARTS SUNDAY 0940 ARRIVING CAIRO 1940.

2. ASSUMING ALL SCHEDULES MET, ABOVE DEPT-CAIRO SERVICE IS EXCELLENT, WITH MATERIAL PREPARED IN WASHINGTON BY 1300 FRIDAY ARRIVING CAIRO SUNDAY EVENING. PROBLEM ARISES IF SATURDAY MILITARY FLIGHT IS DELAYED (AS HAPPENED LAST WEEK) AND MATERIAL DOES NOT GET TO FRANKFURT IN TIME FOR COURIER'S 0940 SUNDAY DEPARTURE, IN WHICH CASE, UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, MATERIAL FOR CAIRO IS DELAYED IN FRANKFURT FOR WEEK UNTIL NEXT COURIER SERVICE.

3. NOT KNOWING ABOUT RELATIVELY TIGHT CONNECTING TIMES IN FRANKFURT FOR POUCH LEAVING DEPARTMENT SATURDAY MORNING, NEA/EGY HAS TENDED TO PREPARE MOST OF ITS LETTERS

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TOWARD END OF WEEK. WE WILL NOW SHOOT FOR MID-WEEK POUCH

TO BE ON SAFE SIDE. THIS SHOULD HELP CUT DOWN POSSIBILITY OF LONG DELAYS AS EXPERIENCED LAST WEEK.

4. ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD PROPOSE ADOPTING FOLLOWING PROCEDURE AS EMERGENCY BACKUP. IF POUCH DEPARTING HERE SATURDAY A.M. IS DELAYED BEYOND SUNDAY A.M. FRANKFURT COURIER DEPARTURE, FRANKFURT NOTIFY DEPARTMENT ATTENTION NEA/EGY SO THAT WE CAN REVIEW MATERIAL IN THAT POUCH AND DETERMINE WHETHER IT CONTAINS ANYTHING OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY TO WARRANT HAVING IT SENT BY COURIER LEAVING FRANKFURT 1310 WEDNESDAY REQUIRING CAIRO AIRPORT PICKUP 0120 THURSDAY. WE RECOGNIZE THAT INCONVENIENCE THIS HOUR FOR SHORTHANDED USINT MAKES IT UNDESIRABLE SET UP THIS SERVICE ON REGULAR BASIS. EVEN AS FALL-BACK ARRANGEMENT IN MOST INSTANCES IT WILL NOT PROVE NECESSARY ACTIVATE, BUT AT LEAST WE WILL HAVE OPTION. USINT AND FRANKFURT COMMENT REQUESTED.

5. PRESENT POUCH SERVICE CAIRO-DEPARTMENT ALSO APPEARS SATISFACTORY. MATERIAL PREPARED BY USINT BY COB SATURDAY LEAVES BY COURIER 0925 MONDAY, ARRIVES WASHINGTON 0155 TUESDAY AND IS ON OUR DESKS BY WEDNESDAY MORNING. ROGERS

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